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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

SWAAK

Group Art Unit: 1644

Serial Number: 08/817,704

Examiner: F. Vander Vegt

Filed: August 25, 1997

Atty. Docket No. P108214-7002

For: USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID  
ARTHRITIS

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 19, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated May 21, 2001, the period for response being extended two-months to October 21, 2001 with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 4, lines 1-3, with the following paragraph:

*G/H*  
--Also, it will be necessary to ensure that no hypertension occurs at a detrimental level. Ways to avoid such a reaction are also well known in the art.--